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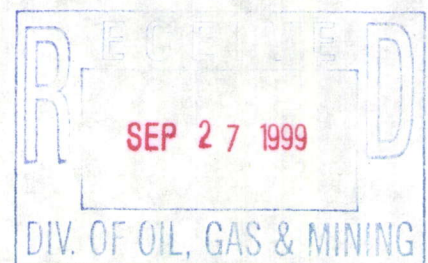
Re: Yerian mine area, S/047/034, T.7S., R.21E. Sec. 2 SLM

Dear Tony:

I was in the Horseshoe bend area on September 17, 1999 and decided to go by the Yerian mine area. A week or so before a visitor to our office had mentioned to me that most of the equipment had been removed from the area and I wanted to check to see if any reclamation had occurred. Most equipment had been removed (see enclosed photographs, five of which compose a south-southeast through west-northwest panorama - see markings on back of each photo). I could not detect where any reclamation had occurred, including the areas where the mine area had encroached on nearby public lands (T.6S., R.21E., Sec. 35 SESW). I did smell diesel in the area of the vent on the silver tank pictured and it sounded as if there was liquid in the tank. I did not see any fuel spillage in this area.

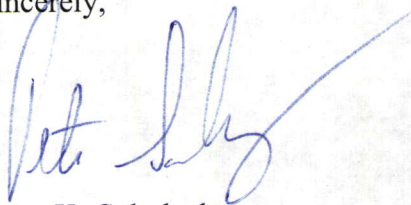
There had been two roadways into the Yerian mine area. One crossed onto the private land through some metal posts and was sometimes blocked by a wire rope gate. During my on-site this gate was not locked and it appeared the roadway had been receiving a fair amount of traffic. Another road access the mine area from the northwest (crosses onto the private land to the west of the other road and at the base of a bench area). This western access had been previously blocked by an earthen embankment. The material blocking this access is now clear and this two-track road also appears to be receiving traffic.

I would like to update the file being kept in the matter of the Yerian mine disturbances on the public lands. We would be interested to know if there is a schedule of reclamation of this area.



Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Sokolosky", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Peter K. Sokolosky
Geologist

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